

W.L. Strange, Jr., she transferred her membership to Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church where, as an avid prayer warrior, she faithfully served in the Prayer Line Ministry and in the capacity of President of the Mother's Board until her passing.

Mother Strange matriculated through the Miami-Dade County Public School System. In her later years, after fulfilling the command to "train up a child . . .", she pursued a personal lifelong dream of becoming a Beautician. She enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at Miami Jackson Technical School and later obtained her Certificate as a Licensed Florida Cosmetologist in 1982. God blessed the works of her hands as she pursued her passion in the beauty industry by working at several salons, including the Theatrical Beauty Salon under the tutelage of the late Mrs. Ella Moncur. Mother Strange fulfilled her lifelong dream and established her own home-based salon.

Mother Pearlle Mae Strange was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four children, two grandsons, and four brothers. She leaves precious memories to be cherished by her sons: Rev. Billy W.L. Strange, Jr., Mareiece Strange (Earnestina), Larry Strange and Donald Strange; daughters Agnes Strange (Andy), Marva Bates (Michael), and Tonia Dudley (Billy); devoted sisters Luella Page, Francis Williams and Genice Scott; dedicated brothers Glenroy Joseph, Terry Joseph, Sr. (Diana) and Ernest Davis.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to please join me in honoring the late Mother Pearlle Mae Strange for her untiring love and dedication to her family and her community, and for her strong walk in Christian faith as she has dedicated her life to helping others.

LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. SHARON BAILEY

HON. JOE NEGUSE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. NEGUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life of Dr. Sharon Bailey.

Dr. Bailey, a proud Coloradan, Princeton graduate, and accomplished leader, dedicated her life to guaranteeing students of color, teachers, and administrators in Colorado and across the nation had the means necessary to both achieve and provide a high quality of education. She is survived by her husband and my friend, John, her three sons, five grandchildren, and a generation forever impacted by her influence.

Dr. Bailey was a passionate and dedicated leader, and a pivotal force on the Denver Public School Board to ensure quality education for all.

Throughout her life she championed the need for a deeper understanding of the experiences of the Black community in education and worked to ensure that all children are given the same opportunity to succeed.

The accomplishments of her life in service will continue to be felt throughout the state of Colorado for years to come, and her legacy will not soon be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with John and all of Dr. Bailey's family and friends. As we

mourn her passing, we will remember her life and be inspired by her wisdom and tenacity.

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. JOSEPH K. DOWLEY

HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. NEAL. Madam Speaker, our Ways and Means family mourns the passing of Joseph K. Dowley. Joe was the Committee's Chief Counsel during the 1980s, who left us an important legacy in the Tax Reform Act of 1986, for which he did so much to enact into law.

Joe became Ways and Means Chief Counsel in 1984 after earning undergraduate and law degrees from Georgetown University, Army service in Vietnam, and employment as administrative assistant to my friend, former Chairman Dan Rostenkowski. He was a deft tax technician who not only knew what was broken, but also how to fix it. He never forgot that lawmaking is the art of the possible, and was ready when Chairman Rostenkowski accepted President Ronald Reagan's challenge to undertake comprehensive tax reform. His patient but relentless pursuit of that lofty goal helped create the political alchemy that made an initially improbable goal inevitable.

Success didn't come quickly or easily. As with any major piece of legislation, the process was a combination of the tense and the tedious. My colleagues writing the act recall it as a challenging time when long hours sometimes resulted in short tempers. But Joe's calm combination of competence and confidence kept the legislative train moving toward the inevitable compromises that signal success.

As the current Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, I now more deeply appreciate the role he played as an exemplary staffer, enabling those of us elected to enact legislation to do so by drawing the map that translated an idea into a legislative proposal that could become a workable law.

After leaving Capitol Hill, Joe continued to be an active member of Washington's tax community. His service to Congress wasn't easy, and there are few who have done it as well. He remains a role model for doing serious business in a humane way, and we will miss him. We join his wife Carol and his entire family in mourning his passing.

REMEMBERING FRED HIATT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to Fred Hiatt, the longtime editorial page editor of the Washington Post whose authoritative and thoughtful voice on thousands of issues of public policy helped to strengthen our democracy. Mr. Hiatt, a 40-year veteran of the Post and a three-time Pulitzer Prize finalist, oversaw the opinion page and introduced the Post's audience to dozens of talented writers. An advocate of civil rights, democracy, human rights, and equality of op-

portunity, his thousands of unsigned editorials influenced public opinion and policy makers, including me. His forceful demand for justice when Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi was murdered will never be forgotten. He once said he believed there will always be a market for "really good, serious, readable, thoughtful, unpurchased, non-yelling opinion," and provided it daily on the Post's pages. I express my condolences to his wife Margaret Shapiro, and his children Alexandra, Joseph and Nathaniel, and his many friends and colleagues. His was a purposeful and dynamic life, and he will be missed.

HONORING MARCEL RIVAS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida, it is my honor to rise to honor Marcel Rivas for his extraordinary work in adoption, permanency, and child welfare.

It was truly my privilege to nominate him for the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute's Angel in Adoption award. Adoption gives hopeful parents an opportunity to raise a child they wouldn't have otherwise. It also provides children with loving families and hope for the future.

Over the course of his 27-year career as a child welfare professional, which includes 21 years at the Children's Home Society of Florida, Marcel has helped more than 3,000 children find their forever families. He also streamlined countywide systems to expedite permanency via adoptions and worked with the child welfare system of care partners, advocating locally and statewide for, and on behalf of, adoptive families to ensure their voices are valued and heard.

I applaud him for the particular time and attention that he has devoted to children with special needs and minority populations, who unfortunately are harder to place, but also have the greatest need for a safe and secure home environment.

At Citrus Family Care Network, he oversees the education department, as well as the largest Transitioning Youth Services Department in Florida, serving hundreds of young adults, ages 18 to 23, who have aged out of foster care.

This is a critical and pivotal point in these young lives, and as a former educator and someone who has advocated on behalf of children throughout my entire career. I am grateful that they have Marcel to help guide them to reach their full potential.

I thank Marcel Rivas for his hard work, dedication and all of the joy that he has helped bring to thousands of families. He truly is an angel.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues, my constituents of the 24th Congressional District of the great State of Florida, the residents of Miami-Dade and all Americans to please join me in celebrating Marcel Rivas' remarkable achievements.

NATIONAL PULSE MEMORIAL

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

Ms. McCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022 (S. 1605).

The annual defense authorization bill is important legislation that guides Department of Defense policy and provides a framework for our Armed Forces for the year ahead. The House and Senate have worked together to craft this bipartisan piece of legislation that makes some significant policy changes impacting our service members and their families.

S. 1605 makes historic and sweeping changes to the Uniform Code of Military Justice to combat sexual assault in the military by removing immediate Commanders from the decision-making chain regarding the prosecution of crimes like rape and sexual assault. As the Chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, our subcommittee has worked to ensure the Department has had the proper resources to combat sexual assault and violence in the military and to support victims. However, the pervasive nature of this societal problem has plagued our military for too long and it is time to make significant changes to the way these crimes are adjudicated. S. 1605 takes this first step, and I am proud of the bipartisan and bicameral work that has been done to begin to address this.

S. 1605 supports our men and women in uniform and their families by authorizing a well-deserved 2.7 percent pay increase. It also contains several important provisions to promote inclusion and diversity within our Armed Forces including authorizing additional support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The composition of America's Armed Forces and its leadership must reflect the increasing diversity of our society and this legislation promotes diversity and inclusion within the Services.

As our planet continues to face the devastating impacts of climate change, it is critical that the Department of Defense act. Combating climate change isn't about engaging in social politics, it is a matter of national security. The Department has too many installations that are susceptible to extreme weather events, which leads to too many days when our troops cannot train. And, as the largest procurer of energy in the federal government, the Department must become more energy efficient. S. 1605 makes key investments and authorizes specific actions to address the threat climate change poses to our national security and bolster energy resiliency across the Department of Defense. Additionally, S. 1605 addresses the long-term impacts of PFAS/PFOA contamination in our communities surrounding military installations. The legislation creates a Department Task Force on PFAS to spearhead DoD's response, as well as authorizes \$517 million above the President's Budget Request for PFAS remediation projects.

Additionally, this legislation includes Department of State Authorizations that bolsters our essential diplomatic authorities to emphasize the whole of government approach to our na-

tional security. This is critically important in the wake of the serious damage caused to the Department of State and our international diplomatic efforts by the Trump administration. I commend the Biden administration's efforts to refocus on diplomacy, on reengaging in our alliances, and on rebuilding the State Department.

While I am supporting this legislation and many of the good provisions contained in it, this bill does have areas that I think could have been greatly improved. First, this legislation does not support the Biden administration's efforts to finally close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The detention facility has been a stain on our global reputation and a detriment to our national security for two decades. I included language in the Fiscal Year 2022 Defense Appropriations Act that would allow for the closure of the facility, so I am deeply disappointed to see existing language on Guantanamo Bay maintained in S. 1605.

Second, I am disappointed that the Congress continues to avoid our responsibility to sunset existing Authorizations of Use of Military Force (AUMF). The 2001 and 2002 AUMF's are out of date and have been stretched and reinterpreted by four separate administrations. It is long past time for Congress to have a comprehensive discussion on our Constitutional responsibility to authorize force. That includes having a frank discussion on how drones are utilized by the military and the Intelligence Community. If a new AUMF is necessary, then Congress needs to have the courage to have that debate in public and come to a decision.

Last, while S. 1605 contains critically important policy provisions that support our future national security needs, I believe that Congress must be a good steward of taxpayer dollars. That is why I continue to be supportive of the topline funding number in President Biden's FY22 budget request for the Department of Defense and the number contained in the Fiscal Year 2022 Defense Appropriations Act produced by the House of Representatives. While drafting the defense appropriations act this past summer, the committee had serious conversations and made tough, but necessary, decisions regarding our national security budget. The defense appropriations bill that the House produced reflects a balanced approach in appropriately funding our national security while allowing for necessary increases in domestic priorities in support of the American people here at home. We also need to have an honest discussion about having a new round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in line with the Department of Defense's recommendations. A new BRAC round could save taxpayers billions of dollars that could be better spent elsewhere.

While the authorizers have shared their ideas on how to fund the military in this legislation, it is the Appropriations Committee that will ultimately decide how to fund our Armed Forces. As the FY22 appropriations process moves forward, I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure that the Department of Defense is funded responsibly and that the interests of American people are protected.

Madam Speaker, I urge a yes vote on this legislation.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO ANN LIMJOCO FOR TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Ann Limjoco, a dedicated public servant who spent twenty years on my staff assisting constituents of the 9th Congressional District of Illinois. Ann will be starting a new chapter in the new year, and I wish her success and happiness moving forward.

Ann served many years as the Suburban Director on my district staff. Overseeing my suburban operations, Ann worked closely with municipalities from Evanston to Arlington Heights and everywhere in between. She built strong relationships with elected officials at all levels of government and was a well-known face at events throughout the district. When municipalities needed federal assistance or input, they knew that Ann was a reliable ally and an open door.

Ann regularly worked with other members of my staff to organize outreach events throughout the 9th District. She played an instrumental role in carrying out dozens of hiring events, community resource fairs, municipal information events, and many others. Ann often spoke on my behalf, representing me with professionalism and competence.

Ann was my liaison to the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC), an organization that spent many years working to address and alleviate the negative impacts of O'Hare Airport on surrounding suburbs. She was a true expert in this field and I relied on her for up-to-date information on an issue that many of my constituents deal with day in and day out.

In addition to outreach and relationship building efforts, Ann was a vigorous advocate for constituents needing assistance with problems related to taxes, immigration, the postal service, and a host of other issues. All told, she handled over three thousand constituent cases, and I have no doubt that her hard work changed many lives for the better. Ann also helped run an excellent intern program and helped train and mentor many young people through this program.

My staff and I will undoubtedly feel the loss of Ann's deep knowledge and many years of experience. I have no doubt that Ann will succeed at whatever she sets her mind to.

CELEBRATING THE 200TH
BIRTHDAY OF CLARA BARTON

HON. ANDY KIM

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the upcoming 200th birthday of Clara Barton and the efforts of the Bordentown Historical Society to have the City of Bordentown, New Jersey officially proclaim December 4, Clara Barton Day.

Clara Barton was a trailblazer throughout her life, with a commitment and passion for